

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device for the removal of parasites or ticks from the skin of animals and humans, comprising:
 - a. a housing;
 - b. a spreadable gripper tool;
 - c. a spreader device, separate from the gripper tool, for spreading the gripper tool;
 - d. a rotation device for the rotation of the gripper tool around the longitudinal axis of the device; and
 - e. a presser device that ~~aets~~ is actuated in the axial direction of the device to actuate the spreader device and the rotation device of the gripper tool, wherein a first actuation of the presser device effects a spreading of the gripper tool by the spreading device,wherein further the gripper tool in its un-spread position encloses an essentially closed cavity that is designed to contain the parasite or the tick.
2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gripper tool is detachably connected to the exterior of the rotation device.
3. (CANCELED)
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device as claimed in claim [[3]] 1, wherein a second actuation of the presser device effects a rotation of the gripper tool.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device as claimed in ~~one of claims 3 or claim 4~~, wherein a closing of the gripper tool is effected by the first or second actuation of the presser device.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first actuation of the presser device takes place in the axial direction into the device and the second actuation that follows the first actuation takes place in the axial direction out of the device.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first actuation of the presser device takes place in the axial direction into the device and the second actuation that follows the first actuation continues in the axial direction into the device.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the gripper tool is formed by two or more segments.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the gripper tool is formed by two, three or four segments.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the segments of the gripper tool are elastic.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the segments of the gripper tool are tapered toward the tip of the gripper tool and form inward-facing gripper jaws.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the segments of the gripper tool comprise a spring force, against which the spreading of the segments takes place.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the gripper tool is coated with an adhesive.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the gripper tool comprises barbs.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the device comprises a suction device that is connected with the gripper tool.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the device comprises an apparatus to paralyze or kill the parasite.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the gripper tool is interchangeable and replaceable.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the gripper tool comprises interchangeable different sizes and material thicknesses.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the gripper tool comprises a moisture dispenser.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device as claimed in claim 5 wherein the device further comprises an ejector device for the ejection of the gripper tool.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device as claimed in claim 20, wherein the ejector device detaches the gripper tool from the device when the process of removing the parasite is completed.